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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 20-NOV-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/20/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/13/04
BRO-FRY	161,742	166,356
LT HENS	1,472	1,595
HVY HENS	1,456	1,448

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 13-NOV-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	160	3	163
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	186	0	186
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	0	0
TO-DATE/2004	10,819	129	10,948
TO-DATE/2003	10,059	137	10,196

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,676	1,537	3,213
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,685	1,391	3,076
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,126	1,656	2,782
TO-DATE/2004	72,608	61,598	134,206
TO-DATE/2003	74,974	63,759	138,733

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 12-NOV-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,965	1,516	1,534	3,050
Avg Wt	5.30	3.40	8.05	5.74
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,561	1,499	1,391	2,890
Same wk yr ago	157,078	1,126	1,656	2,782
Avg Wt	5.30	3.45	7.98	6.15
To-date/2004	7,074,371	61,789	61,469	123,258
To-date/2003	6,959,977	64,915	63,622	128,537

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.9 million head or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Nov-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	27,901	18,669	52,801
Avg Weight	3.75	4.75	6.35
% of total /1	28%	19%	53%
 Last week	 27,455	 25,607	 50,906
Avg Weight	3.61	4.88	6.48
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 28,380	 31,306	 45,207
Avg Weight	3.78	4.80	6.40
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
 To date/2004	 1,146,499	 941,711	 2,033,034
To date/2003	1,028,497	1,058,978	1,963,505

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-NOV-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,403	2,885	48	2	5,338
Avg Wt	16.08	35.36	23.29	30.10	26.57
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,332	2,834	46	1	5,213
Same wk yr ago	2,541	3,250	74	23	5,888
Avg Wt	15.57	33.65	25.09	27.33	25.72
To-date/2004	79,258	116,045	2,364	313	197,980
To-date/2003	86,314	124,965	2,916	589	214,784

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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